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In every relation of life he was honest and fearless for the truth and the right.

In his death the city loses one of its earliest progressive citizens. One who helped to lay broad and deep the foundations of this great metropolis and who aided in building it to its present magnificence. The Society tenders to his daughters and his brother its condolence and sympathy in their affliction.

JOHN L. SLAUGHTER,  
J. M. GUINN.

Committee.

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#### DR. DE WITT CLINTON FRANKLIN.

Dr. De Witt Clinton Franklin was born August 8, 1835, in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, and died at his home in Los Angeles, California, July 10, 1906.

He lived a varied and useful life, and leaves a widow and five children and a large circle of friends to honor his memory and mourn his departure.

Dr. Franklin graduated with honors from the Ohio Medical College in 1856, and immediately began the practice of his chosen profession.

When the civil war began, he enlisted for three months in the Twenty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, at the end of which time he was honorably discharged. He immediately re-enlisted for a term of three years in the Eighty-seventh Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, whom he served with credit to himself until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge.

During his last enlistment, he served as hospital steward, and at the end of his term he was presented by his regiment with a sword in recognition of his bravery in the battles of Bull Run and Gettysburg.

After the war he crossed the plains and arrived at Los Angeles in July, 1865. He was soon placed in charge of the hospital at Drum Barracks, Wilmington.

He settled in Los Angeles and took up the practice of his profession, dentistry, surgery and medicine. He was one of the first resident dentists in the city, and had his office in a building that preceded the Downey building, where the Government is now preparing to build the postoffice building.

In 1866 he married Miss Mary Anderson of this city, who now survives him.

The names of their five children are as follows: Virgil R., Homer B., Florian H. and Chester N. Franklin, and Mrs. Sadie Norton, all now residing in Los Angeles.

Because of failing health, he withdrew from active practice of his profession more than twenty years ago.

He gave considerable attention to new enterprises, and particularly to the introduction of the process of burning lime with crude petroleum.

He was a pioneer in silk culture, and believed that the production of silk in this county could be made a paying industry.

He was a faithful member of this society, and an honorable record to his memory should be preserved in our archives.

Dated Los Angeles, California, September, 1906.

WILL D. GOULD,

E. K. GREEN,

Committee.

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NATHANIEL JOHNSON CLARKE.

Dear Sir:—I herewith hand you brief sketch of Mr. N. J. Clarke, where born, etc. The elder daughter will probably be able to give some details of his experiences as a Pioneer. Have written her this morning.

Nathaniel Johnson Clarke, son of Jonathan and Charlotte Clarke, was born in Northwood, New Hampshire, December 20, 1820. Died September 30, 1906. Married Eleanor B. Withington July 2, 1868, at Ione, Amador county, California. Five children were born to them, two daughters surviving. Moved to Los Angeles in 1875 and engaged in the oil business. His wife passed away September 30, 1884, since which time he has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Welch. Came to California in sailing vessel around the Horn in 1849; landed in Southern California. Was agent for Pico Spanish Grant in Amador county, California, which position he held about ten years. Was brother of Henry Clarke, a prominent lawyer of San Francisco, and George J. Clarke, who was well known as a notary public, with an office opposite the old court house, where the Bullard block now stands. There is still one brother living, Webster Clarke, who resides at Providence, Rhode Island. You will notice Mr. Clarke passed away on the anniversary of his wife's demise, and about the same hour of the day as near as I can calculate.

As soon as Mrs. Babcock can give further history I will communicate with you. Courteously yours,

W. H. S. WELCH.